

BE identity with native sequence RTD polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 386 of Fig. 1A (SEQ ID NO:1) or (b) an extracellular domain sequence of RTD polypeptide, wherein (a) or (b) binds to an Apo-2 ligand polypeptide.

Bg 33. (Amended) The host cell of claim 18 [which comprises] wherein said host cell is a CHO cell.

34. (Amended) The host cell of claim 18 [which comprises] wherein said host cell is an E. coli.

35. (Amended) The host cell of claim 18 [which comprises] wherein said host cell is a yeast cell.

Please add the following claim:

B4 --- 36. Isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a RTD polypeptide, wherein said nucleotide sequence hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2. ---

REMARKS

I. Claims Pending in The Application:

Claims 7, 14 and 33-35 have been amended, and claim 36 has been added. The amendments to the claims introduce no new matter. Support for the claims is found at least at pages 17, 18, 20 and 60 of the specification. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action.